

MINUTES

August 2, 2016

Danville Borough Council held a meeting on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, at the Borough Building, 239 Mill St., Danville at 6:00 PM. President Richardson presided.

Present were Councilpersons Richardson, Rodman, Rogers, A'zary, VonBlohn, Wickham, Walters, Mayor Swank and Junior Councilperson Ciucci. Also present were S. Berkey, E. Gill, B. Brady, J. Graham, J. Hack, J. Hart and Solicitor Robert Marks Sr. Absent was K. Herritt.

The invocation was given by Rick Vreeland followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Comments

Michael Conti is stating that there is Borough land being used as a campsite which is 135' of Borough property. He feels he is paying taxes but his neighbor is being allowed to use Borough property without paying tax on it. This was previously discussed in the Property Committee and is still being investigated.

Topics

1. The Danville Business Alliance is seeking pledges for the Danville Arts Center capital campaign. The DBA is looking for pledges from 100% of the Board of Directors in which Jamie Shrawder is a Director on behalf of the Borough. Mr. Rodman stated he would like to see a nominal donation made now and a continued monitoring on the fundraising. Jim Wilson stated he expects that the request going forward would be an "in kind" commitment in the form of waiving of permit fees, etc. by the Borough. Payment would not be expected until 2017. Motion made by Mr. Rodman for a 3 year pledge of \$100 per year and consider future commitments during the budget process for 2017. Motion failed, no second.
Motion made by Mr. A'Zary for \$100 in 2016 and future commitments to be considered during the budget process for 2017. Mr. Rodman seconded it. Motion passed 6-1 with Mr. Wickham opposed.
2. A COG representative is needed from Danville Borough Council. This item will be placed as a discussion item on the August agenda.
3. Motion by Mr. Wickham, seconded by Mr. Rodman and a unanimous vote, Council approved hiring Mr. Zachery Whapham as a Water Maintenance Utility Operator pending a physical and drug screening. Start date would be approximately on or after Monday, August 15th at a 6 month probationary salary of \$16.79 an hour.
4. Motion by Mr. Wickham, seconded by Mr. Rodman and a unanimous vote, Council approved the Non-Uniformed Union Contract Negotiations final summary.
5. Motion made by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Wickham and a unanimous vote, Council agreed to advertise the School Zone Ordinance for approval in September.
6. Discussion was made on the Planning Commission's conditional approval of the preliminary/final Land Development plan submitted by the First Columbia Bank for

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construction at 400 Railroad Street. This will be placed as an ACTION item for the August agenda.

7. Motion by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. VonBlohn and a unanimous vote, Council gave HARB approval for removal of a second story deck and replaced with an enclosed addition at 117 E. Market Street.
8. Motion by Mr. Rodman, seconded by Mr. Walters and a unanimous vote, Council gave HARB approval for construction of an 8'x8' garden shed at 130 W. Market Street.

Old Business

None

Correspondence Received

1. Mr. Bob Ernest submitted a petition to repeal or modify the fourth ward parking ordinance. Mr. Richardson suggested that it be put into the Street Committee for research. Should the Ordinance be removed, GMC employees will park there legally and the Ordinance will not be reconsidered again anytime in the future.
2. Letter from DEP referring to new regulations on stormwater management.
3. Letter from Montour County announcing a meeting to update officials on the 911 center consolidation which is to be held August 15th at the First Baptist Church of Danville.

FYI ITEMS

1. Danville Borough has been awarded the PA's Greenways, Trails and Recreation Grant to develop a master site plan for Canal Park and the adjacent parcel. The Danville Borough would like to sign a Subrecipient Agreement with the DBA to administer this project with the awarded grand funds.

Other Business

1. President Richardson informed Council that Ms. Berkey received the Thomas F. Chrostwaite Award at the PSAB conference in June for 20 years of service to the Borough in the capacity of Treasurer and Manager.
2. The Mayor informed all that September is Childhood Cancer awareness month. Motion by Mr. VonBlohn, seconded by Mr. Walters and a unanimous vote, Council approved hanging of yellow ribbons on the parking meters in recognition.

News Media

The news media had questions on

1. Non- uniformed union contract
2. Water Maintenance Utility Operator hire

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Shannon Berkey, Danville Borough Manager